

FISCAL NOTE
HB 905 - SB 1133

March 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each school to notify parents by letter of all clubs or organizations available to students attending such school. Such information may be prominently displayed in the student handbook or other standard or policy guidebook of the school which is distributed annually and sending informational letters that detail each club to the student's address. A written permission slip must be provided by the parent.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

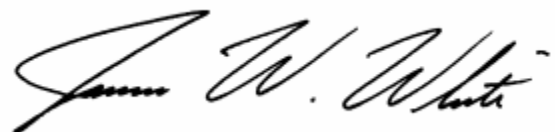
Assumptions:

- The bill requires that parents be notified of all clubs and organizations available to students attending such school.
- There are two methods of required notification: (1) notification by prominently displaying the information in the student handbook or other standard or policy guidebook which is distributed annually. The cost of this method of notification is estimated to be not significant; and (2) sending informational letters that detail each club and organization to the student's mailing address. This method of notification is estimated to result in an increase in local government expenditures exceeding \$100,000.
- Students in grades 9-12 would be primarily affected. Approximately 300,000 students in grades 9-12 statewide.
- The cost of printing such informational letters and mailing each letter to 300,000 students' mailing address is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide (300,000 x .39 = \$117,000 mailing cost).
- If other methods are used to disseminate this information, the cost is estimated to be substantially less (i.e., website, handbook, information included in other mass mailings to parents, or information given to child to take home with permission slip).

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director